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### **Senator Carlos Uresti Statement on Senate Passage of Senate Bill 11**

“With the unanimous passage of Senate Bill 11, the Texas Senate took a giant step forward to ensure Texas fulfills our legal and moral obligation to protect our most vulnerable children. SB 11’s reforms are innovative and forward thinking—but they are also long overdue. I’ve spent much of my legislative career working on CPS issues, and I have confidence this bill will save kid’s lives. I urge the Texas House to take swift action and pass this important emergency legislation.” said Senator Carlos Uresti

Senate bill 11 is joint authored by Senate Health & Human Services Committee Vice Chairman Senator Uresti along with Chairman Schwertner and Finance Chairwomen Nelson. SB 11 will bring much needed reforms to Child Protective Services (CPS) policies, improve contract oversight, and expand health care services for children and youth in foster care.

*Sen. Uresti represents Senate District 19, which covers more than 35,000 square miles and contains all or part of 17 counties, two international ports of entry, eleven state parks, 51 school districts, 2700 miles of highways, and more than 23,000 producing oil and gas wells in both the Eagle Ford Shale and Permian Basin. The district is larger than 12 states and 82 Nations, and contains over one third of the Texas-Mexico border. Sen. Uresti is proud to serve on the Finance, Education, and Veteran Affairs & Border Security Committees and as Vice Chair of the Health & Human Services Committee.*

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